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Stockholm, December 14, *O. S.*

ON the 7th Inſtant an Officer came hither from Kappelſwick, and brought an Account that a Subaltern Officer of the Czar's Life-Guards was arrived there from Finland, with a Letter from that Prince for the King, which he deſired Leave to come hither to deliver; accordingly the Senate gave forthwith Orders for conducting him to this Place; and an Expreſs was at the ſame Time ſent to the King (who was gone a Hunting to a Place 15 Leagues from hence) to acquaint him therewith, which haſtened his Majeſty's Return. The Muſcovite Officer arrived the Day before, accompanied by a Trumpeter and a Servant, and is the ſame Perſon who was lately here with Adjutant General Romanioff, as his Interpreter. On the 8th, while the King was out of Town, Count Freytag notified to Count Horn by his Maſter the Emperour's Order, that his Imperial Majeſty had now fully determined to ſend his Plenipotentiaries to Brunſwick very ſhortly; and deſired that his Swediſh Majeſty would alſo pleaſe to ſend his Plenipotentiaries forthwith to that Congreſs; and in caſe the Czar could not be brought to juſt and reaſonable Terms of Peace, his Imperial Majeſty would then be ready to enter into all ſuch Concerts as ſhould be found proper for obliging the Czar by Arms to agree to ſuch Conditions as ſhould be judged ſafe and honourable for Sweden.

Stockholm, Dec. 21. On the 15th Inſtant, Count Horn deſired a Conference with the Britiſh and other foreign Miniſters reſiding here, and acquainted them that ſeeing another Meſſenger was lately come hither from Peterſbourg, he was directed by his Swediſh Majeſty to declare to them, that the Errand he came upon was only to bring a Letter which the Czar had thought fit to ſend as an Anſwer to one his Swediſh Majeſty wrote lately to that Prince by his Adjutant General Romanioff; but that the Czar's Letter contained little more than a Repetition of his former Propoſals, only now he ſhews ſome Inclination to agree upon a general Cartel for the Exchange of Priſoners which he before declined: And that upon this laſt Account the King had reſolved to ſend Auditor-General Dahlman back with the Muſcovite Officer to receive Propoſals; and they ſet out accordingly the 17th at Night for Peterſburg.

Paris, Jan. 15. Forty Perſons are appointed for the Adminiſtration of the General Farms, with a Penſion of 18000 Livres per Annum to each. The 150000 Livres which every one of them is to advance to the King, are to be paid in two Terms; one half in the Beginning of February next, and the other in March. Meſſieurs Paris will have the Inſpection of the Accompts of the ſaid General Farms. The Dukes d'Antin and de Chaulnes have reſigned their Places of Honorary Directors of the India Company, and a general Aſſembly is to be held again To morrow at the Bank, to chuſe two others in their Room, and to regulate ſeveral Matters relating to the Accompts of the Company to the King, and thoſe of the Directors to the Company. It is now ſaid that the Cardinal de Rohan's Journey to Rome is laid aſide, and that the Abbot de St. Albin is deſigned to go thither in his Place. The Duke of Nevers took his Place Yeſterday in Parliament as Duke and Peer of France with the uſual Solemnity, at which aſſiſted the Princes of the Blood and the Peers.

Hague, Jan. 14. On the 8th Inſtant the Marqueſs Beretti Landi ſet out for Valenciennes. Count Windiſchgratz propoſes to ſet out likewiſe the next Week for Bruſſels. The States of the Province of Holland have conſented to the military Eſtabliſhments and Eſtimates for this Year; and the ſame Taxes are continued as the laſt: They are now wholly taken up with the Affairs of their Finances.

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